

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **HITTINGER et al.** Examiner: SEAMAN, D. Margaret
Application No.: **10/773,806** Art Unit: 1625
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Title: **CHEMICAL DERIVATIVES AS ANTITELOMERASE AGENTS WHICH
BIND SPECIFICALLY TO THE G-QUADRUPLEX DNA STRUCTURES
AND THEIR APPLICATION AS A SPECIFIC ANTICANCER AGENT**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") issued September 10, 2008, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office setting a three-month period for response set to expire on December 10, 2008. This response is timely filed

Consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 12 to 14, 16, 19 to 23, 26 and 29 to 31 are pending in the application and that claims 12 to 14, 16, 19 to 23, 26 and 29 to 31 are rejected.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that the rejection of claims 12 to 14, 16, 19 to 24, 26 to 27 and 29 to 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and the rejections of claims 12 to 14, 16, 19 to 24, 26 to 27 and 29 to 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, have been withdrawn (Office Action, page 2).